

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-20, 22-39 and 41-45 are pending in this patent application. Claims 8, 21 and 40 are herein cancelled. Claims 8-13, 21-26 and 40-45 were objected to in the outstanding Final Office Action. Claims 1-6, 14-19 and 27-38 were allowed in the outstanding Final Office Action. Reconsideration of the Application and Claims in view of the amendments made herein and the remarks set forth below is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) Rejections

Claims 7, 20 and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (hereafter AAPA) in view of Hansen et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2002/0089964 (hereafter Hansen). Claims 7, 20 and 39 are amended herein so as to include subject matter indicated as being allowable in the outstanding Office Action. More specifically, Claims 7, 20 and 39 are amended herein so as to include the limitations of Claims 8, 21 and 40 that were objected to in the outstanding Office Action as containing allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claims 7, 20 and 39 are in condition for allowance.

It should be appreciated that Claims 9-13, 22-26 and 41-45 depend from allowable Claims 7, 20 and 39 and are thus likewise allowable. And, Claims 1-6, 14-19 and 27-38 have already been allowed. As such, no contested Claims remain in the Application.

CONCLUSION

For at least the above-presented reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims (Claims 1-7, 9-20, 22-39 and 41-45) are in condition for allowance.


The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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